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I wish to express my opposition to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case. I have served as a Director of Information Technology for over 10 years and am also an attorney. This settlement does not address the fundamental issue of Microsoft's illegal monopoly. Through the years, Microsoft has stifled superior products, such as Corel WordPerfect Office, the Macintosh OS, and Novell NetWare, to name a few. Microsoft has stifled these products and sought to force consumers to use its own inferior versions of these products through heavy-handed tactics and leverage of its illegal monopoly. The only way to prevent expansion of Microsoft's monopoly and hopefully reverse it is to break the company up into smaller companies and I urge the Court to reject the current settlement proposal.

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